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Georgia DOT Announces Selection of Apparent Successful Proposer for SR 400 Widening Project

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Transportation on Friday opened the sealed bids for the State Route 400 Widening Project in Forsyth County. The team of C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc./Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering is the apparent successful proposer.

The Department used a variable scope procurement approach, incentivizing competition to provide the most lane miles of widening for the least cost. The team's proposal for the design-build project includes the maximum scope at a bid of \$47,470,406.25.

Funding for the project is made possible through a transportation bond referendum approved by Forsyth county voters last November.

"GDOT saw an opportunity to align the goals of the Forsyth County voters - who clearly expressed their desire to widen SR 400 as far northward as possible - with an innovative procurement approach," said Georgia DOT Commissioner Russell McMurry. "Using a variable scope 'best value' Design Build methodology and the perfect project context, we refined our approach for the best possible outcome. SR 369 is the maximum distance that could be selected, and the competitive bid represents a great value for Georgia. We are very grateful for the apparent outstanding results."

State Transportation Board Member Rudy Bowen represents Congressional District 7 which includes Forsyth County.

"By their vote, the people of Forsyth made a commitment to invest in transportation in their county. This is an exciting project and a great procurement process," Bowen said. "This new way of bidding enables us to get the most for the money, and to turn this project around quickly."

Georgia DOT will confirm that the successful proposer provided a complete, properly executed Proposal Bond and will review the Administrative and Technical proposals on a pass/fail basis to determine if they meet conformance requirements. GDOT expects to announce an award to the selected team on Friday, May 1. A tightened up design phase requires the contractor to break ground by November 2, 2015 – just one year after the Forsyth vote.

The referendum passed by Forsyth County voters included the SR 400 Widening Project, which will widen SR 400 by one lane in the existing inside median both northbound and southbound from McFarland Parkway to at least Bald Ridge Marina in Forsyth County.

Innovative contracting set up for the first time by the Department allowed for Design-Build Teams to bid on ten additional segments northbound and southbound from Bald Ridge Marina up to possibly as far as SR 369. The final bids include all possible segments so that the scope now includes widening work up to SR 369 – or approximately 14 miles from McFarland Parkway. The design-build contract includes design and construction, permitting, utility coordination and/or utility relocation, and any other necessary services. It also includes the widening of four bridges – northbound and southbound over the Big Creek Greenway, as well as northbound and southbound over Lake Lanier.

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It is anticipated the project will relieve congestion, shorten commute times and encourage more commercial development.

Other teams that submitted competitive proposals were Archer Western Contractors/RS&H; E.R. Snell Contractor, Inc./Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc.; G.P.'s Enterprises, Inc./Wolverton & Associates, Inc.; and McCarthy Improvement/American Consulting.

For information about the SR 400 Widening Project click [here](#)

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Left to Right... Dustin O'Quinn, HNTB and Chip Meeks, Georgia DOT P3 Administrator reviewing the apparent successful proposer bid document from the team of C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc./Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering during the opening bid process held on Friday, April 24, 2015.